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E. O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: PINT PINS VN
SUBJECT: ICCS HELICOPTER CRASH IN QUANG TRI

1. INITIAL RESULTS OF ICCS INVESTIGATING TEAM WHICH VISTED SITES OF TWO DOWNED ICCS HELICOPTERS IN QUANG TRI DURING PERIOD 10-11 APRIL HAVE BEEN PASSED TO EMBASSY ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS FROM AIR AMERICAN CHIEF PILOT WHO RECEIVED THEM FROM CANDEL AIR SERVICES CONTRACTING OFFICER. LATTER RETURNED FROM HUE LATE APRIL 13 AND WAS PRIVY TO FULL FIELD FINDINGS OF INVESTIGATING TEAM. CANDEL SOURCE MUST BE PROTECTED INCLUDING IN DISCUSSIONS WITH CANADIANS. FOLLOWING SHOULD BE REGARDED AS INCOMPLETE REPORT ALTHOUGH BASIC THRUST OF REPORT IS CLEAR.
EMBASSY WILL SEEK CONFIRMATION AND FURTHER DETAILS TOMORROW.
IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED PREVIOUS INFORMATION SUBMIT BY EMBASSY DOESNOT ACCORD WITH FOLLOWING REPORT.

2. REGION I INVESTIGATING TEAM DETERMINED:
A) TWO AIRCRAFT WERE PRECISELY WHERE PRG HAD CLAIMED THEY WERE. ON TEAM WAS CANDEL COL MCLEOD A QUALIFIED ENGINEER WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN GROUND NAVIGATION WHO EMPLOYED RANGE OF
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EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES TO DETERMINE EXACT LOCATION OF SITES SHOWN TEAM. HIS FINDINGS CHECKED REPORTEDLY WITH FINDINGS OF SECOND (UNIDENTIFIED) MEMBER OF TEAM WITH SIMILAR QUALIFICATIONS. LOCATIT BUT STATE
THAT THEY HAVE NO INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING EITHER THE QUESTION OF CO- SPONSORSHIP OR OF LOBBYING SUPPORT. PRIVATELY UK SAYS THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF " SIZEABLE NUMBER" CO- SPONSORS THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE RELUCTANT TO SIGN UP. UK MISSION ALSO FULLY BRIEFED ON ARGUMENTATION RE OBSERVER QUESTION SET FORTH REFTEL. RIMESTAD

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